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Why They Failed.

The failure of the United Mine Workers' Union to make any sensible impression upon the miners of this state in the way of inducing them to affiliate with the union, was predicted by the Intelligencer some days ago. The movement was instigated almost solely by Pennsylvania and other operators whose trade was being trampled upon by the invasion of West Virginia operators in the markets supplied by them; therefore to have unionized themselves the West Virginia miners would only have aided foreign operators to the injury of their own employers and incidentally their own interests.

That this view was not confined to this state is shown by a paragraph in The Coal Trade Journal, which quotes an Ohio correspondent, well acquainted with conditions in West Virginia, who says "that, notwithstanding the good intentions of the Mine Workers' Union in their proposed idea of unionizing the state, it will be years before they will be able to do so. Besides the foreigners who work in the mines in that state, there is a large percentage of negroes among the miners and they do not care for organization, in fact are and always have been opposed to it. Another thing that stands in the way is the fact that the men are all making good wages, even with the tonnage price as low as it is. The coal is easy to mine and the men are not afraid of days of nine or ten hours. They are all satisfied with what they are getting and he thinks that it will not be possible to get them in line at all."

West Virginia Division Bill.

The prompt passage by the house of representatives yesterday of Representative Dayton's bill providing for the division of West Virginia into two United States judicial districts, foreshadows its early adoption by the senate, as Senators Elkins and Scott have determined to advance its consideration by that body to as early a date as possible. Besides, the chances of Mr. Dayton's bill were greatly enhanced by the passage of a similar bill for Kentucky.

Mr. Dayton's measure was introduced in the last Congress, but owing to considerable lobbying by the friends of interested officials of the present court it never reached a stage farther than the committee. Owing to the peculiar needs of this state this division has long been demanded, and we are glad to see it focusing towards a realization.

Facts and Theory.

It has been said that free trade is a beautiful and promising theory but deficient in realization and performance. The Democratic politicians have hummered on it with the effect of flattening the industry and business of the country, and the doctrinaires of political economy have exalted it only to be confounded by results. Never has the protective policy of the Republican party been more ably vindicated than by the three years workings of the Dingley bill, in comparison with the destructive operations of the Wilson-Gorman measure. It has raised the country in three years from suspicion, distrust and fear to confidence, respect and trust, swelling our foreign commerce beyond the \$2,000,000,000 mark, with exports only \$500,000,000 below the total and leaving a balance of trade in our favor amounting to \$650,000,000.

What a wonderful change has been wrought since the dark and depressing days of 1896, and what a happy revolution in industrial, commercial and agricultural affairs has resulted through the beneficent administration of William McKinley's first term. Commenting on these magnificent achievements, the Chicago Inter Ocean very pointedly remarks:

In the light of these facts and figures, and the events of the last eight years, it would be interesting to learn what the wisest men of the Cleveland period really think of their system of political economy. To paraphrase a celebrated free trade epigram, they are confronted with conditions, not theories. Professor Sumner and his school would have told us, any twelve years ago, or even six years ago, that the protective tariff policy of the Republican party would, within a decade, close the markets of the world against our products and manufactures, paralyze our industries and pauperize our workmen. They not only would have told us so, but did tell us so, and what is even more to the point, they proved to the satisfaction of millions of our people that they were right.

Yet the prosperity which these academic dreamers predicted would come under a reversal of the protective policy did not materialize; on the contrary, some of the crudest years of the republic followed the practical application of their theories by Mr. Cleveland. And now, in spite of the "stone wall" erected around the country by the Republican party, in spite of the "protection of the natural laws of trade" by the Republican party, in spite of the refusal of the nation to be guided

by the learned doctrinaires of the great universities, our exports to foreign countries this year will fair to reach the amazing total of \$2,000,000,000, or \$500,000,000 in excess of our imports.

Blaming Croker.

While the Democrats are blaming Boss Croker for retaining the 16 to 1 plank in the Kansas City platform, they should at the same time consider the responsibility of another man for that mistake—Bryan. Congressman Perry Belmont, of New York City, in a recent letter to the Rochester Herald, makes the following unique statement: "There has been since the 6th of last month much ridicule of the Democracy because its leaders at Kansas City did not perceive that free silver was an 'obsolete idea' and a spent issue. I am certain, however, that the majority of that convention were then convinced of that fact and would have dropped the silver issue had it not been for the conduct of a majority of the delegates from New York under the lead of Croker, who in that matter misrepresented the rank and file of the New York Democracy. I believe that had he permitted a minority report to be made by the committee on resolutions, the convention would have upheld it."

There can be no doubt that Croker misrepresents a large portion of the New York Democracy, and while technically to blame for the "free silver fiasco," Mr. Bryan was morally responsible for the whole affair, explicitly stating that he would not allow his name to be considered by the convention if the free coinage plank was suppressed. There was a greater offense Croker was guilty of. Early in the summer he expressed himself as a pronounced expansionist, and then called for Europe. Coming home in the fall he changed his mind and rung the changes on Bryan's paramount issue and cried out against "imperialism." In this he did not represent the "rank and file of the New York Democracy," and thereby aroused considerable resentment among level-headed Tammanyites. But Croker's influence is vile and should be broken. There is a way to do it, and it remains with New Yorkers themselves to crush his power at the next election for mayor.

Wrought by Prosperity.

A citizen of Houston, Texas, writes an interesting and suggestive letter to the Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore, anent the blessings that have been vouchsafed to the people of the Lone Star state through the prosperity that is prevailing throughout the land. His comparison of the condition of business affairs in Texas with that of two years ago is quite eloquent. He says: "It is hard to compare conditions as edious, but we cannot resist the temptation of comparing the condition of business affairs in Texas to-day, outside of the storm-stricken district, with that of two years ago, and for several years previous to that time, during the time of 30-cent and 40-cent wheat, four-cent and five-cent cotton, with other products in proportion. In traveling over the state and visiting the different villages, towns and cities we find that the farmers are paying up their old bills, buying new wagons and buggies, harness, lumber, wire, cooking and heating stoves, dry goods, etc., and paying cash for same; and, in turn, the business and professional men are painting and repairing their houses and fences, many of them building new residences. In short, prosperity is in the land, and it seems hardly possible that the Texas of to-day is the Texas of a few years ago. What has brought about this great change for the better? Is it not on account of the tilters of the soil receiving fair prices for their products? When we had four-cent cotton and 40-cent wheat, everybody from the farmer to the banker was sour and cross, and had the blues; everything was run down at the heels, lands, town and city property, decreased in value fully 50 per cent, and dull sale at that—all of which goes to show that if the farming classes are fairly prosperous the balance of us will be in the same condition."

In answering such irrefutable facts set forth in the Houston gentleman's letter the Democrats beg the question in denying the Republicans credit for improved conditions and ascribing them to favoring Providence. The quality of His favor, like His Mercy, is not straitened, and as Postmaster General Smith remarked in his speech in this city just before the election, "if it is true that our prosperity is altogether contingent on providential favor, why is it that Providence has never favored the Democracy?" We prefer to believe that providential assistance only comes to those who help themselves, and that it has been through the wisdom of Republican policies that the present happy, contented and prosperous condition of the people has been made possible.

Military rule in Porto Rico ended with the departure of General Davis, no troops being left on the island except a small garrison equally of American and native Porto Rican soldiers, whose functions will be similar to those of garrisons at posts in this country. Porto Rico is now subject entirely to civil government, and that this change has been wrought within less than two years after the ratification of treaty of peace with Spain speaks volumes for the genius of American civilization and government.

Just as the world had settled down to a belief that the Chinese difficulties were in a fair way of settlement Great Britain steps in and demands a modification of the former agreement of the powers.

The Boers are keeping it up, following up Friday's success near Pretoria, by capturing 120 of Brabant's Horse, after killing four and wounding sixteen of the British forces.

Pettigrew is fathering a wild scheme of "paternalism" in a bill providing for government ownership of railroads. It is wilder than the most extravagant dreams of Populism.

Berlin made a narrow escape from a financial panic last week, the trouble originating chiefly with the mortgage banks.

The Colombian government and rebel forces after a three days battle, rested on the laurels of a drawn fight.

The attempt to draw Vice President-elect Roosevelt in the fight of Quay for the senate has proven abortive.

How the paternal pocket and check books will suffer this week through the demands of Santa Claus.

Congress will rest from its labors on Friday until after the Christmas holidays.

Every other city of importance in the country is making provisions for the

tingly celebrating the incoming of the twentieth century except Wheeling. Wake up.

The name of Bryan's newspaper will be the "Commoner." Isn't that rather suggestive of Coxe's commonwealth crusade?

Wheeling, yesterday, had a pretty good idea of what "Egyptian darkness" was like.

Oom Paul hasn't decided whether or not he will visit the United States.

Indiana disgraced herself with a brace of lynchings Sunday.

The "lower lights" had to burn yesterday.

Arthur Gets the Prize.

A short time ago we noticed a hog story from your Bull Run correspondent. Arthur Galloway says he can beat that; he shot a hog twice, knocked it in the head eight times, and wound up by cutting its throat. It wasn't a black hog, either. Arthur is reliable. — Correspondence Preston Journal.

No Time Like the Present.

Chicago Tribune: In time of peace let us prepare for war. Which reminds me that it would be a good preparation for war to make me a general. — Nelson A. Miles.

"I have also recommended these medicines to my friends who suffered from female weakness."



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Heaven is probably a place where every woman will be handsomer than the photograph of herself that she keeps to give away.

In the country when a family has seen a hawk she acts just like a woman who is trying to hide the Christmas present she is going to give her husband before he gets home from business. — New York Press.

Obeysing Dictates of the Bible.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. Hood, Wheeling, last Wednesday, a girl. Mr. and Mrs. John Heiskell, "ditto." Mr. and Mrs. Walter Snyder, "ditto." Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Conner, twins. Now will "New Comer" say anything more about "Reno's" good men and wonderful Prosperity. — Tunnell's Items.

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